

Notice of Intent (NOI) / Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement / Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/EIR) and Public Meeting for the proposed Daguerre Point Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project

To All Interested Parties:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are lead agencies preparing a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / Environmental Impact Report (EIR), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to evaluate the Daguerre Point Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to improve fish passage at Daguerre Point Dam. The Project has a goal to improve upstream and downstream fish passage for native anadromous fish species at Daguerre Point Dam and contribute to overall population recovery, and additional objectives are to include to keep water interests whole and not increase flood risk. Stakeholder meetings have identified alternatives to consider during the preparation of the environmental document.

In addition to No Action / No Project, four alternative concepts are being considered:

State-of-the-art Fish Ladder(s): This alternative concept would replace the two existing fish ladders with either one or two state-of-the-art ladders. Potential siting and configuration depends on engineering design considerations.

Notch Dam to Passable Height: This alternative concept would cut a notch out of the existing dam to a height that adult fish can successfully pass. Accumulated sediment behind the dam may be dredged or released downstream naturally.

Natural River Channel Bypass around Dam: This alternative concept would create a new river channel that bypasses the existing dam. The bypass channel length and width would be determined based on engineering design considerations. Daguerre Point Dam would remain in place.

Dam Removal: This alternative concept would remove Daguerre Point Dam. Accumulated sediment behind the dam may be dredged or released downstream naturally.

Environmental Process:

The environmental review will be conducted pursuant to NEPA and CEQA, the Endangered Species Act, and other applicable laws, to analyze potential environmental impacts of implementing each feasible alternative. The Daguerre Point Dam Preliminary Fish Passage Improvement Study completed in 2001 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the starting point for this process. Alternatives described in this report will be re-evaluated and updated to reflect current conditions and knowledge. Public input on additional alternatives or combination of alternatives that should be considered will be sought through the scoping process. The DEIS/EIR is currently estimated to be available in early 2003.

Public Meeting:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) invite you to attend a public meeting to discuss the proposed Daguerre Point Dam Fish Passage Improvement Project. Meeting participants will be given an overview of the proposed project and will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and scope of the DEIS/EIR.

The Meeting will be held on June 27, 2002:

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce
Board Room
429 10th Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Comments on the scope and content of the DEIS/EIR may also be submitted by **5:00 PM (Pacific Standard Time) on July 25, 2002**, by mail to the following address:

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